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Read ~~the following:~~

O R D E R:-

Government have received representations that police officers insist upon occupying front seats in buses, sending to the rear passengers who are already sitting in those seats. This practice which amounts to reservation of front seats for police officers is not authorised under the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940 and should be discontinued wherever it is in vogue. Further, Government desire that their officers should, while travelling in public transport services, not offend the susceptibilities of private passengers or over-ride their rights. The Inspector-General of Police and the Commissioner of Police are, therefore, requested to instruct all their subordinates accordingly. A copy of the Press Note No.239 dated 16-10-1947, issued on the subject is enclosed.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Police, Madras (2 copies)
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary, C.R.T.Board, Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC (INFORMATION & PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT

PRESS NOTE NO.239

Dated, Fort St. George, the 16th October, 1947.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that in some places in the moffusil, seats in buses, particularly in front, are reserved for Government officials who wish to travel. The Government desire to inform the public that under the M.M.V. Rules, 1940, Government officials are not entitled to any preferential claim in the matter of accommodation in buses. Any person who has tendered the legal fare is entitled to be carried in a bus provided accommodation is available. There was some justification for the practice of reservation of seats for Government officials during the war period on account of the non-import of the new motor cars and the difficulty experienced by touring Government officials in securing used serviceable cars. Now that the position has improved, Government have directed that the practice should be discontinued wherever it has been in vogue. Suitable instructions have ~~bb~~ also been issued in this regard to bus operators.

The present position, therefore, is that no special preference can be claimed in respect of any particular seat in a bus, by any Government official including a touring offcial of the Police, Revenue or any other department. Any instance of discrimination by the driver or the conductor in favour of a Government official should be brought immediately to ~~te~~ the notice of the Regional Transport Officer concerned.

C.V. HANUMANTHA RAO,
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